

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION JANUARY 8, 2026

MEETING of the **OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION** held at the OPC Social & Activity Center, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan 48307.

CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, January 8, 2026, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sommers at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7) Stuart Bikson, Robin Buxar, Al Fisk, James Gill, Carol Morlan,
Theresa Mungoli, Micheline Sommers

Absent: 1) Diana Mannino

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director
Mandy Mullins, Older Persons' Commission Deputy Director

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Buxar requested the agenda addition of 6.d. Consideration of a Special Meeting on February 5, 2026.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Gill, **Resolved**, to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Sommers called for public comment on items not on the agenda. Two members commented: one on resident registration priority and another inquired about OPC governing documents on the website.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY, 8, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Morlan, seconded by Buxar, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Commissioner Buxar nominated Stuart Bikson for Chairman.
Nominations were closed.

MOTION by Mungoli, seconded by Fisk, **Resolved**, to elect Commissioner Bikson, as Chairman.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

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Commissioner Buxar nominated Micheline Sommers for Vice-Chairman.
Nominations were closed.

MOTION by Bikson, seconded by Mungioli, **Resolved**, to elect Commissioner Sommers, as Vice-Chairman.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungioli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Bikson nominated Robin Buxar for Treasurer.
Nominations were closed.

MOTION by Bikson, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to elect Commissioner Buxar as Treasurer.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungioli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Buxar nominated Al Fisk for Secretary.
Nominations were closed.

MOTION by Gill, seconded by Bikson, **Resolved**, to elect Commissioner Fisk as Secretary.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungioli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

Vice-Chairman Sommers turned the meeting over to Chairman Bikson.

Committee Appointments – Facility & Finance

Chairman Bikson made the following appointments.

Facility Committee – Commissioners Fisk, Gill, Sommers

Finance Committee – Commissioners Buxar, Morlan, Mungioli

Chairman Bikson is ex officio of all committees.

Special License Approval

E.D. Cortright requested approval of a Special License, with the Liquor Control Commission, for twelve events in 2026.

MOTION by Mungioli, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the Special License, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungioli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

Consideration of a Special Meeting on February 5, 2026

Treasurer Buxar proposed holding a Special Meeting on February 5, 2026, to revisit the 2026 meeting schedule. E.D. Cortright suggested taking this time to review the Rolling Strategic Plan, which would include the update of board liaisons and review of action items which includes communication, a concern raised by Treasurer Buxar. Chairman Bikson referenced the addition of the Resident/Non-Resident Policy.

Two public comments addressed the Rolling Strategic Plan, information posting and a communication plan.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Gill, **Resolved**, to approve a Special Meeting on February 5, 2026.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Mannino

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- Members questions addressed from the November, 2025, Board Meeting.
 - The OPC Mission & Vision Statement is posted on our website and at the front doors of the facility.
 - A Rolling Strategic Plan was revised in November 2024, including Action Items: Process Improvement, Communication, Programs & Services, Facilities, Staff Development & Planning and Financials. A staff member and a board liaison were designated for each action item. The Board reviews the Plan quarterly and updates action items accordingly.
 - Board meetings, agendas and minutes are posted under 'About Us' on the website.
 - Chairman Bikson added that after the meeting, along with other Commissioners, he toured the locker rooms and found them clean and acceptable.
- Objectives for 2026 include the completion of the Phase 2 HVAC replacement and continued expansion of the transportation program to better serve the community.
- A \$10,000 grant, for the Memory Café programs, was received from the SEMI Exhale Memory Café Collective cohort. Paint A Miracle, who also received a Memory Café grant, will facilitate Art Therapy Workshops at OPC's Memory Café.
- Successful Events in December/January:
 - Grandkids Swim had two sold out sessions.
 - Christmas Luncheon with 150 members attending, enjoyed festive entertainment by the Wesley Ringers under the direction of Governing Board Commissioner Al Fisk.
 - 650 Players "Anchors Aweigh Christmas Show" had three sold out performances.

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- Special thanks to community partners and members during the holidays.
 - OPC Transportation Department adopted four children through the Oakland County Foster Closet.
 - Veterans Connection Group adopted a family through the Operation Christmas program at Selfridge Air Force Base, donating gifts to a veteran's family.
 - City of Rochester Hills Finance Department baked, decorated and packaged cookies for Meals on Wheels clients along with the nutrition team.
 - Local School and Groups: Delta Kelly, Hugger Elementary, University Hills, Rochester Adams Key Club and others created festive crafts for Meals on Wheels clients.
- Annual "Wellness Week" is March 16 – 20, offering opportunities to explore the many programs and services available. The newsletter will be mailed to 27,000 households, ages 50+, across the three communities.
- 2026 Special Events & Fundraisers:
 - Top Chef – April 16
 - 5K Run/Walk for Meals on Wheels & Pancake Breakfast – June 6
 - Summer Solstice Soiree – June 19
 - Pickleball Day – August 1
 - Food Truck Rally – September 10
 - Senior Expo – October 7
 - Artisan Market – November 7
- In 2026, OPC has 120 team members—24 full-time and 96 part-time. This year, we celebrate significant service anniversaries: 12 team members with 5 years of service; 16 with 6–9 years; 10 with 10–14 years; 10 with 15–19 years; and 5 with 20 or more years. In total, 53 team members have been with OPC for five or more years.
- The Annual Giving Campaign, "OPC: A Lifeline for Many," raised \$98,293 in donations, supporting the wide array of programs and services provided at OPC.
- As part of the Strategic Plan Action Item – Programs & Services, members were invited to complete a survey through the January 4, 2026, eblast to provide valuable feedback on our programs, services and future initiatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – none

Facility Committee – none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner's comments were given.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bikson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to adjourn the meeting.

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Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Morlan, Mungiolli, Sommers
Nay: 0)
Absent: 1) Mannino

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

AL FISK, SECRETARY
OPC GOVERNING BOARD

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